

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3 and add new claims 8-23, as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A storage package for multiple recording media comprising a paper board component attached to at least ~~two~~ three plastic, recording medium-holding trays, said package having an open and closed configuration and adapted to be latched in the closed configuration, said package in said closed configuration resembling a closed book with all said recording media inside of said package, said package including:

A. a paper board component defining a plurality of panels arranged end to end, said panels having opposite flat faces and being separated from each other by ~~spline~~ spine strips which are bounded by fold lines to allow the panels to be folded upon one another such that, in the folded configuration, the package resembles a closed book, the outwardly facing face of the last panel to be folded to form the closed book configuration comprising an outer cover of said book;

B. a first plastic ~~latching~~ tray for receiving and holding a recording medium attached to the inside face of said last panel to be folded and a second plastic ~~latching~~ tray for receiving and holding a recording medium attached to the panel face opposite said inside face in the folded configuration, said first and second plastic latching trays adapted to be latched to maintain said package in the closed configuration;

C. said first and second plastic ~~latching~~ trays defining:

(i) a generally planar surface having opposite faces for receiving and maintaining a recording medium on a first face thereof, said planar surface having marginal edges defining the peripheral extent of said surface;

(ii) upstanding wall portions on said planar surface proximate the marginal edges of said planar surface, said wall portions on said second ~~component~~ tray being positioned a greater distance inside the marginal edges of said planar surface than on said first ~~component~~ tray such that, when said ~~components~~ trays are brought together into first face to first face proximity, the wall portions of said second ~~component~~ tray nest within the wall portions of said first ~~component~~ tray with the outside of the wall portions of said second ~~component~~ tray immediately adjacent the inside of the wall portions of said first ~~component~~ tray, the separation between the planar surfaces of said ~~components~~ trays being determined by the height of said wall portions; and

(iii) means at corresponding locations on the wall portions of said first and second ~~components~~ trays for releasably engaging and latching said first and second ~~components~~ together in an assembled configuration; and

D. at least one additional plastic recording medium holding ~~trays-as-needed~~ tray for holding said multiple recording media, each of said additional trays receiving and maintaining a recording medium on a first face thereof, said additional plastic trays being attached to panel faces which are in the interior of the storage package in the folded configuration and inaccessible without unlatching said first and second trays.

2. (Currently amended) A storage package, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said generally planar surface of each of said ~~components~~ trays has a circular recess formed therein for receiving said recording medium and a rosette within said recess for releasably holding said recording medium in said recess.

3. (Currently amended) A storage package, as claimed in claim 2, wherein said generally planar surface of each of said ~~components~~ trays further includes finger wells communicating with and extending outwardly from said recess for allowing the insertion of fingers therein when removing said recording medium from said recess.

4. (Original) A storage package, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said means for releasably latching comprises protrusions on the inside of the wall portions of said first tray engaging correspondingly located protrusions on the outside of the wall portions of said second tray.

5. (Original) A storage package, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said multiple recording media comprise at least three recording media.

6. (Original) A storage package, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said multiple recording media comprise at least four recording media.

7. (Original) A storage package, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said trays are adhesively attached to said panels.

8. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one tray faces at least one panel when said storage package is in the folded configuration.

9. (New) A storage package for multiple recording media comprising a paper board component attached to at least three plastic, recording medium-holding trays, said package having an open and closed configuration and adapted to be latched in the closed configuration, said package in said closed configuration resembling a closed book with all said recording media inside of said package, said package including:

A. a paper board component defining a flat panel having a pair of opposed lateral sides and a pair of opposed transverse sides which are generally perpendicular to said lateral sides, said panel including a first panel area for attachment of a first plastic, recording medium-holding tray and a second panel area for attachment of a second plastic, recording medium-holding tray, said first and second trays being separated by a third panel area for defining the spine of said book;

B. a first plastic tray for receiving and holding a recording medium bonded to the inside face of said last panel to be folded and a second plastic latching tray for receiving and holding a recording medium bonded to the panel face opposite said inside face in the folded configuration, said first and second plastic latching trays adapted to be latched to maintain said package in the closed configuration;

C. said first and second plastic trays defining:

(i) a generally planar surface having opposite faces for receiving and maintaining a recording medium on a first face thereof, said planar surface having marginal edges defining the peripheral extent of said surface, an area in the planar surface for receiving a recording medium therein and means in said area for releasably retaining said recording medium in said area;

(ii) upstanding wall portions on said planar surface proximate the marginal edges of said planar surface for defining a spacing rim for separating peripheral marginal areas from interior areas of said planar surface, said wall portions being positioned just inside the marginal edges of said planar surface;

(iii) said wall portions on said second tray being positioned a greater distance inside the marginal edges of said planar surface than on said first tray such that, when said trays are brought together into first face to first face proximity, the wall portions of said second tray nest within the wall portions of said first tray with

the outside of the wall portions of said second tray immediately adjacent the inside of the wall portions of said first tray and the tops of the wall portions of the first tray engage the marginal edges of the planar surface of said second tray, the separation between the planar surfaces of said trays being determined by the height of said first tray wall portions; and

(iv) means on said wall portions of said first and second trays for releasably engaging and latching said first and second trays together in an assembled configuration;

D. at least one additional plastic recording medium holding tray for holding said multiple recording media, each of said additional trays receiving and maintaining a recording medium on a first face thereof, said additional plastic trays being attached to panel faces which are in the interior of the storage package in the folded configuration and inaccessible without unlatching said first and second trays.

10. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 9, wherein said generally planar surface of each of said trays has a circular recess formed therein for receiving said recording medium and a rosette within said recess for releasably holding said recording medium in said recess.

11. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 10, wherein said generally planar surface of each of said trays further includes diametrically opposed finger wells communicating with and extending outwardly from said recess for allowing the insertion of fingers therein when removing said recording medium from said recess.

12. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 9, wherein said planar surface has a pair of opposed lateral sides and a pair of opposed transverse sides which are generally perpendicular to said lateral sides for forming said marginal edges defining the peripheral extent of said surface.

13. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 12, wherein said wall portions are positioned just inside the marginal edges of said planar surface and extending continuously along the opposed lateral sides, one of said transverse sides, and along

transversely spaced segments of the opposite transverse side, said spaced segments extending inwardly from each of the opposed lateral sides.

14. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 13, wherein the ends of the spaced segments and the planar surfaces define therebetween an elongate, transversely extending slot when said first and second trays are brought together.

15. (New) A storage package for multiple recording media comprising a paper board component attached to at least three plastic, recording medium-holding trays, said package having an open and closed configuration and adapted to be latched in the closed configuration, said package in said closed configuration resembling a closed book with all said recording media inside of said package, said package including:

A. a paper board component defining a flat panel having a pair of opposed lateral sides and a pair of opposed transverse sides which are generally perpendicular to said lateral sides, said panel including a first panel area for attachment of a first plastic, recording medium-holding tray and a second panel area for attachment of a second plastic, recording medium-holding tray, said first and second trays being separated by a third panel area for defining the spine of said book;

B. a first plastic tray for receiving and holding a recording medium bonded to the inside face of said last panel to be folded and a second plastic tray for receiving and holding a recording medium bonded to the panel face opposite said inside face in the folded configuration, said first and second plastic latching trays adapted to be latched to maintain said package in the closed configuration;

C. said first and second plastic trays defining:

(i) a generally planar surface having opposite faces for receiving and maintaining a recording medium on a first face thereof, said planar surface having a pair of opposed lateral sides and a pair of opposed transverse sides which are generally perpendicular to said lateral sides for forming marginal edges defining the peripheral extent of said surface, an area in the planar surface for receiving a recording medium therein and means in said area for releasably retaining said recording medium in said area;

(ii) upstanding wall portions on said planar surface proximate the marginal edges of said planar surface for defining a spacing rim for separating peripheral

marginal areas from interior areas of said planar surface, said wall portions being positioned just inside the marginal edges of said planar surface and extending continuously along the opposed lateral sides, one of said transverse sides, and along transversely spaced segments of the opposite transverse side, said spaced segments extending inwardly from each of the opposed lateral sides;

(iii) said wall portions on said second tray being positioned a greater distance inside the marginal edges of said planar surface than on said first tray such that, when said trays are brought together into first face to first face proximity, the wall portions of said second tray nest within the wall portions of said first tray with the outside of the wall portions of said second tray immediately adjacent the inside of the wall portions of said first tray, the ends of the spaced segments and the planar surfaces define therebetween an elongate, transversely extending slot; and

(iv) means on said wall portions of said first and second trays for releasably engaging and latching said first and second trays together in an assembled configuration;

the third panel area of said paperboard component being positioned adjacent the nested spaced segments of said assembled first and second latching trays; and

D. at least one additional plastic recording medium holding tray for holding said multiple recording media, each of said additional trays receiving and maintaining a recording medium on a first face thereof, said additional plastic trays being attached to panel faces which are in the interior of the storage package in the folded configuration and inaccessible without unlatching said first and second trays.

16. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 15, wherein said generally planar surface of each of said trays has a circular recess formed therein for receiving said recording medium and a rosette within said recess for releasably holding said recording medium in said recess.

17. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 16, wherein said generally planar surface of each of said trays further includes diametrically opposed finger wells communicating with and extending outwardly from said recess for allowing the insertion of fingers therein when removing said recording medium from said recess.

18. (New) A storage package for multiple recording media comprising a paper board component attached to at least three plastic, recording medium-holding trays, said package having an open and closed configuration and adapted to be latched in the closed configuration, said package in said closed configuration resembling a closed book with all said recording media inside of said package, said package including:

A. a paper board component defining a flat panel having a pair of opposed lateral sides and a pair of opposed transverse sides which are generally perpendicular to said lateral sides, said panel including a first panel area for attachment of a first plastic, recording medium-holding tray and a second panel area for attachment of a second plastic, recording medium-holding tray, said first and second trays being separated by a third panel area for defining the spine of said book;

B. a first plastic tray for receiving and holding a recording medium bonded to the inside face of said last panel to be folded and a second plastic tray for receiving and holding a recording medium bonded to the panel face opposite said inside face in the folded configuration, said first and second plastic latching trays adapted to be latched to maintain said package in the closed configuration;

C. said first and second plastic trays defining:

(i) a generally planar surface having opposite faces for receiving and maintaining a recording medium on a first face thereof, said planar surface having a pair of opposed lateral sides and a pair of opposed transverse sides which are generally perpendicular to said lateral sides for forming marginal edges defining the peripheral extent of said surface, an area in the planar surface for receiving a recording medium therein and means in said area for releasably retaining said recording medium in said area;

(ii) upstanding wall portions on said planar surface proximate the marginal edges of said planar surface for defining a spacing rim for separating peripheral marginal areas from interior areas of said planar surface, said wall portions being positioned just inside the marginal edges of said planar surface and extending continuously along the opposed lateral sides, one of said transverse sides, and along transversely spaced segments of the opposite transverse side, said spaced segments extending inwardly from each of the opposed lateral sides;

(iii) said wall portions on said second tray being positioned a greater distance inside the marginal edges of said planar surface than on said first tray such

that, when said trays are brought together into first face to first face proximity, the wall portions of said second tray nest within the wall portions of said first tray with the outside of the wall portions of said second tray immediately adjacent the inside of the wall portions of said first tray, the separation between the planar surfaces of said trays being determined by the height of said first tray wall portions; and

(iv) projections positioned on the outer surface of the wall portions of the spaced segments of said second tray and projections positioned at corresponding locations on the inner surface of the wall portions of the spaced segments of said first tray for snap fitting one over the other for releasably engaging and latching said first and second trays together in an assembled configuration;

the third panel area of said paperboard component being positioned adjacent the nested spaced segments of the assembled first and second latching trays; and

D. at least one additional plastic recording medium holding tray for holding said multiple recording media, each of said additional trays receiving and maintaining a recording medium on a first face thereof, said additional plastic trays being attached to panel faces which are in the interior of the storage package in the folded configuration and inaccessible without unlatching said first and second trays.

19. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 18, wherein said generally planar surface of each of said trays has a circular recess formed therein for receiving said recording medium and a rosette within said recess for releasably holding said recording medium in said recess.

20. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 19, wherein said generally planar surface of each of said trays further includes diametrically opposed finger wells communicating with and extending outwardly from said recess for allowing the insertion of fingers therein when removing said recording medium from said recess.

21. (New) A storage package for multiple recording media comprising a paper board component attached to at least three plastic, recording medium-holding trays, said package having an open and closed configuration and adapted to be latched in the closed configuration, said package in said closed configuration resembling a closed book with all said recording media inside of said package, said package including:

A. a paper board component defining a flat panel having a pair of opposed lateral sides and a pair of opposed transverse sides which are generally perpendicular to said lateral sides, said panel including a first panel area for attachment of a first plastic, recording medium-holding tray and a second panel area for attachment of a second plastic, recording medium-holding tray, said first and second trays being separated by a third panel area for defining the spine of said book;

B. a first plastic tray for receiving and holding a recording medium attached to the inside face of said last panel to be folded and a second plastic tray for receiving and holding a recording medium attached to the panel face opposite said inside face in the folded configuration, said first and second plastic trays adapted to be latched to maintain said package in the closed configuration;

C. said first and second plastic trays defining:

(i) a generally planar surface having opposite faces for receiving and maintaining a recording medium on a first face thereof, said planar surface having a pair of opposed lateral sides and a pair of opposed transverse sides which are generally perpendicular to said lateral sides for forming marginal edges defining the peripheral extent of said surface, an area in the planar surface for receiving a recording medium therein and means in said area for releasably retaining said recording medium in said area;

(ii) upstanding wall portions on said planar surface proximate the marginal edges of said planar surface for defining a spacing rim for separating peripheral marginal areas from interior areas of said planar surface, said wall portions being positioned just inside the marginal edges of said planar surface and extending continuously along the opposed lateral sides, one of said transverse sides, and along transversely spaced segments of the opposite transverse side, said spaced segments extending inwardly from each of the opposed lateral sides;

(iii) said wall portions on said second tray being positioned a greater distance inside the marginal edges of said planar surface than on said first tray such that, when said trays are brought together into first face to first face proximity, the wall portions of said second tray nest within the wall portions of said first tray with the outside of the wall portions of said second tray immediately adjacent the inside of the wall portions of said first tray, the tops of the wall portions of the first tray engage the marginal edges of the planar surface of said second tray and the ends of the spaced

segments and the planar surfaces define therebetween an elongate, transversely extending slot, the separation between the planar surfaces of said trays being determined by the height of said first tray wall portions; and

(iv) projections positioned on the outer surface of the wall portions of the spaced segments of said second tray and projections positioned at corresponding locations on the inner surface of the wall portions of the spaced segments of said first tray for snap fitting one over the other for releasably engaging and latching said first and second trays together in an assembled configuration;

said paperboard tray being bonded to said first and second trays with the third panel area of said paperboard component adjacent the nested spaced segments of the assembled first and second latching trays; and

D. at least one additional plastic recording medium holding tray for holding said multiple recording media, each of said additional trays receiving and maintaining a recording medium on a first face thereof, said additional plastic trays being attached to panel faces which are in the interior of the storage package in the folded configuration and inaccessible without unlatching said first and second trays.

22. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 21, wherein said generally planar surface of each of said trays has a circular recess formed therein for receiving said recording medium and a rosette within said recess for releasably holding said recording medium in said recess.

23. (New) A storage package, as claimed in claim 22, wherein said generally planar surface of each of said trays further includes diametrically opposed finger wells communicating with and extending outwardly from said recess for allowing the insertion of fingers therein when removing said recording medium from said recess.